

Thanks to all who turned out for the anual Midsummer Count at MiT.

The results are in the attached table.

Contrary to my recollection, the numbers of Whiskeredes have been stable for the past three years but at a low level and very much below the hundreds that we counted out in the 80s.

It's interesting to see that the total Common Pip numbers are not the highest in recent years but what is unusual is the emergence of pips from the gate end of the building. We haven't recorded this since we started counting in the 80s.

There was some strange re-entrance by Pips into the Gate end which, with some reflection, I think may mean that they were changing roost site, presumably in response to the recent improvement in the weather. It was also good to see the Whiskered Bats rushing out and returning in short order, indicating that they were lactating females. Evidence of breeding after the terrible Spring we had this year is reassuring.

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Date	W/B Total	Common Pip Total	Soprano Pip Total	BLE total	Gate Gable - W/B	Gate Gable - Pip	Gate Gable BLE	Left Net Gable - W/B	Left Net Gable - Pip	Right Net Gable- W/B	Right Net Gable - Pip	Above entrance- W/B	Above entrance - Pip	Dining Room- W/B	Dining Room - Pip	Left Other Gable- W/B	Left Other Gable - Pip	Right Other Gable- W/B	Right Other Gable - Pip	Far end Gable- W/B	Far end Gable - Pip	far gable End - Soprano Pip	Round the back- W/B	Round the back - Pip	Weather	Comments
2003.06.28	152	171	1							152					21						150					1 sop pip above main entrance
2004.06.17	131	16			31			36				28			1			36			15				very,very wet	
2005.06.22	271	87			77			37		31		53			10	62	2	9	21	2	54				wet	Some dodgy pip ID?
2006.06.28	180	19			66			34		21		33			5	1		23		2	14					Good warm midgey weather
2007.06.20	109	36			19			52		27	2				10	2		9			24					No rain
2008.06.25	45	76	34																			34				No rain. Light wind
2009.06.24	42	64		2	3	2	2	7	11	10	8	10	3	5	2	5	0	0	15	0	23		2	0		Good weather.lots of midges
2010.06.16	42	127	1		6	24		17	7	3	6	5	18		13	11	27				13					Good weather noctule/soprano pip